

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) A slide drive device for a press machine having a slide, comprising:

means for adjusting said slide drive device;

said ~~adjusting means~~ means for adjusting said slide drive device being effective to adjust a stroke of said slide;

said ~~adjusting means~~ means for adjusting said slide drive device being pivotable about a center position to adjust said stroke;

said center position being one of a top and a bottom dead center position of said slide;

said ~~adjusting means~~ means for adjusting said slide drive device receiving a reciprocating motion;

means for guiding said slide drive device;

a connecting link;

said connecting link being effective to transfer said reciprocating motion to said ~~guiding means~~ means for guiding said slide drive device;

said ~~guiding means~~ means for guiding said slide drive device being effective to convert said reciprocating motion to a guiding displacement;

at least one drive branching link in said ~~guiding means~~ means for guiding said slide drive device;

at least one of a first and a second upper toggle means;

said at least one upper toggle means for driving said slide in a cycle;

said at least one drive branching link transferring said guiding displacement to said one upper toggle means; and

said one upper toggle means being effective to transfer said guiding displacement to said slide and drive said slide through said cycle.

2. (Currently amended) A slide drive device, according to claim 1, further comprising:

a connecting rod;  
said connecting rod slidably guided by said ~~adjusting means~~ means for adjusting said slide drive device;  
a crank shaft;  
an eccentric part on said crank shaft;  
said eccentric part having said reciprocating motion;  
said connecting rod operably connects said eccentric part to said ~~adjusting means~~ means for adjusting said slide drive device; and  
said connecting rod being effective to transfer said reciprocating motion to said ~~adjusting means~~ means for adjusting said slide drive device where by said slide operates through said cycle.

3. (Currently amended) A slide drive device, according to claim 2, wherein:  
said ~~adjusting means~~ means for adjusting said slide drive device is operably affixed to said connecting rod;  
said ~~adjusting means~~ means for adjusting said slide drive device is operable to guide said connecting rod along a specified trajectory; and  
said ~~adjusting means~~ means for adjusting said slide drive device is pivotable about said center position to adjust said specified trajectory whereby said stroke is adjusted.

4. (Withdrawn) A slide drive device, according to claim 3, further comprising:  
said first and said second upper toggle means;  
a rotation center in each said first and second upper toggle means;  
said rotation center permitting said first and second upper toggle means to rotate in an arc;  
a first link connects each said rotation center to said at least one drive branching link;  
said at least one drive branching link effective to transfer said guiding displacement to each said first and second upper toggle link means;  
a first and a second lower toggle link;

a second link operably connects each said rotation center to each respective said lower toggle link; and

said first and second upper toggle means being effective to transfer said guiding displacement through said second links to respective said first and second lower toggle links and said slide whereby said slide operates through said cycle while maintaining a left and right balance.

5. (Withdrawn) A slide drive device, according to claim 4, further comprising:

a guide board in said adjusting means;

a groove in said guide board;

a slider being slidable in said groove;

a pin extending from said slider;

said groove and said pin being pivotable about said center position;

one end of a first and second end of said connecting rod;

said one end operably fixed to said pin; and

said slider and said pin being effective to transfer said reciprocating motion to said connecting link and said guiding means.

6. (Withdrawn) A slide drive device according to claim 5, further comprising:

a base in said guiding means;

a groove in said base;

said groove being along a centerline between each said upper toggle means;

a slider being slidable in said groove;

said connecting link operably connected to said slider;

said connecting link transferring said reciprocating motion to said slider whereby said slider operates along said centerline;

said at least one drive branching link operably connected to said slider; and





said connecting link operably connects to said drive branching link at said connection position;

said connection position being equidistant said first and second ends; and

said drive shaft and said adjusting means are above said first and second upper toggle means and said drive branching link.

14. (Withdrawn) A slide drive device, according to claim 12, further comprising:

said connecting link operably connects to said drive branching link at one of said first and second ends; and

said drive shaft and said adjusting means are below said first and second upper toggle means and said drive branching link.

15. (Withdrawn) A slide drive device, according to claim 12, further comprising:

said connecting link operably connects to said drive branching link at one of said first and second ends;

said drive shaft is below said first and second upper toggle means;

said adjusting means is above said first and second upper toggle means opposite said drive shaft; and

said guiding means is between said drive shaft and said adjusting means.

16. (Withdrawn) A slide drive device, according to claim 12, further comprising:

said connecting link operably connects to said drive branching link at one of said first and second ends;

said drive shaft above said first and second upper toggle means;

said adjusting means below said first and second upper toggle means opposite said drive shaft; and

said guiding means is between said drive shaft and said adjusting means.

17. (Currently amended) A slide drive device for a press machine having a slide, comprising:

- means for adjusting said slide drive device;
- one of a top and a bottom dead center position of said slide;
- said ~~adjusting means~~ means for adjusting said slide drive device permitting an adjustment of said slide;
- said ~~adjusting means~~ means for adjusting said slide drive device permitting said adjustment of said slide without changing said one dead center position;
- said adjustment of said slide changing said other dead center position of said slide;
- said ~~adjusting means~~ means for adjusting said slide drive device being pivotable to a specified angle to adjust a stroke of said slide; and
- said ~~adjusting means~~ means for adjusting said slide drive device transferring a sliding, reciprocating motion to said slide.

18. (Currently amended) A slide drive device, according to claim 17, further comprising:

- means for guiding said slide drive device;
- at least one of a first and second upper toggle means;
- said at least one upper toggle means driving said slide in a cycle; and
- said ~~guiding means~~ means for guiding said slide drive device being effective to transmit said adjustment of said slide to said one upper toggle means whereby said stroke is adjusted without changing said other dead center position.

19. (Currently amended) A slide drive device, according to claim 18, further comprising:

- a center position on said ~~adjusting means~~ means for adjusting said slide drive device;
- said center position being proximate said one dead center position;
- said ~~adjusting means~~ means for adjusting said slide drive device being operable about said center position to effect said adjustment of said slide.





said ~~adjusting means~~ means for adjusting said slide drive device being a single, shared ~~adjusting means~~ means for adjusting said slide drive device on which the motion of each of said at least one drive branching link is dependent.

23. (Withdrawn) A slide drive device, according to claim 1, wherein:

said adjusting means being a single, shared adjusting means on which the motion of each of said at least one drive branching link is dependent.

24. (Withdrawn) A slide drive device, according to claim 1, further comprising:

said first and said second upper toggle means;

a rotation center in each said first and second upper toggle means;

said rotation center permitting said first and second upper toggle means to rotate in an arc;

a first link connects each said rotation center to said at least one drive branching link;

said at least one drive branching link effective to transfer said guiding displacement to each said first and second upper toggle link means;

a first and a second lower toggle link;

a second link operably connects each said rotation center to each respective said lower toggle link; and

said first and second upper toggle means being effective to transfer said guiding displacement through said second links to respective said first and second lower toggle links and said slide whereby said slide operates through said cycle while maintaining a left and right balance.

25. (Withdrawn) A slide drive device, according to claim 2, further comprising:

a guide board in said adjusting means;

a groove in said guide board;

a slider being slidable in said groove;

a pin extending from said slider;

said groove and said pin being pivotable about said center position;  
one end of a first and second end of said connecting rod;  
said one end operably fixed to said pin; and  
said slider and said pin being effective to transfer said reciprocating motion to said  
connecting link and said guiding means.

26. (Withdrawn) A slide drive device according to claim 1, further comprising:  
a first and second dynamic balancer means;  
a first and second retention link;  
said first and second retention links operably connecting each respective said upper toggle means to each respective said dynamic balancer means; and  
each said first and second dynamic balancer means and said first and second retention links having a shape and a weight adaptable to each respective said first and second upper toggle link and said slide whereby vibration is minimized when said first and second upper toggle means drive said slide in said cycle.

27. (Withdrawn) A slide drive device, according to claim 1, wherein said crank shaft and said adjusting means are above said first and second upper toggle means and said at least one drive branching link.

28. (Withdrawn) A slide drive device according to claim 1, further comprising:

- a base in said guiding means;
- a groove in said base;
- said groove being along a centerline between each said upper toggle means;
- a slider being slidable in said groove;
- said connecting link operably connected to said slider;
- said connecting link transferring said reciprocating motion to said slider whereby said slider operates along said centerline;
- said at least one drive branching link operably connected to said slider; and

said at least one drive branching link and said slider transferring said guiding displacement to said first and second upper toggle means whereby said slide operates through said cycle while maintaining a left and right balance along said centerline.

29. (Withdrawn) A slide drive device according to claim 17, wherein:  
said adjusting means is a single, shared adjusting means on which the motion of each of at least one drive branching link is dependent.

30. (Withdrawn) A slide drive device, according to claim 22, further comprising:  
said first and said second upper toggle means;  
a rotation center in each said first and second upper toggle means;  
said rotation center permitting said first and second upper toggle means to rotate in an arc;  
a first link connects each said rotation center to said at least one drive branching link;  
a first and a second lower toggle link;  
a second link operably connects each said rotation center to each respective said lower toggle link; and  
said first and second upper toggle means being effective to transfer said guiding displacement through said second links to respective said first and second lower toggle links and said slide whereby said slide operates through said cycle while maintaining a left and right balance.

31. (Withdrawn) A slide drive device, according to claim 20, further comprising:  
a guide board in said adjusting means;  
a groove in said guide board;  
a slider being slidable in said groove;  
a pin extending from said slider;  
said groove and said pin being pivotable about said center position;  
one end of a first and second end of said connecting rod;

said one end operably fixed to said pin; and  
said slider and said pin being effective to transfer said reciprocating motion to said connecting link and said guiding means.

32. (Withdrawn) A slide drive device according to claim 18, further comprising:  
a first and second dynamic balancer means;  
a first and second retention link;  
said first and second retention links operably connecting each respective said upper toggle means to each respective said dynamic balancer means; and  
each said first and second dynamic balancer means and said first and second retention links having a shape and a weight adaptable to each respective said first and second upper toggle link and said slide whereby vibration is minimized when said first and second upper toggle means drive said slide in said cycle.

33. (Previously presented) A slide drive device for a press machine having a slide, comprising:  
an adjusting mechanism in said slide drive device;  
one of a top and a bottom dead center position of said slide;  
said adjusting mechanism permitting adjustment of said slide;  
said adjusting mechanism permitting said adjustment without changing said one dead center position;  
said adjustment changing said other dead center position of said slide; and  
said adjusting mechanism being pivotable about a center position to adjust a stroke of said slide.

34. (Currently amended) A slide drive device, according to claim 21, wherein:  
said ~~adjusting means~~ means for adjusting said slide drive device being a single, shared ~~adjusting means~~ means for adjusting said slide drive device on which the motion of each of said at least one drive branching link is dependent.

35. (New) A slide drive device, according to claim 1, wherein said means for adjusting said slide drive device comprises a guide board with a slider that slides linearly while receiving said reciprocating motion.

36. (New) A slide drive device, according to claim 17, wherein said means for adjusting said slide drive device comprises a guide board with a slider that slides linearly while transferring said sliding, reciprocating motion to said slide.